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SUBJ: COLOMBO PLAN COUNCIL: 121ST SESSION, OCT 3, 1973

1. MAJOR DISCUSSION AT THIS SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO ITEMS  
VI, VIII AND IX AS FOLLOWS:

A. ITEM VI, DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: STAFF COLLEGE.  
AFTER AUSTRALIAN REP VOLUNTEERED SECOND YEAR ASSISTANCE OF  
\$7,000, NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS UNSPECIFIED (PARA 23), FOLLOW-  
ING ISSUES WERE RAISED BY COUNTRY REPS IDENTIFIED BELOW:

(1) BUDGET IMPLICATIONS INVOLVING AMOUNT AND DURATION --  
JAPAN INDIA.

(2) REFERRING ITEM TO CONSULATIVE GROUP LEVEL FOR FINAL  
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APPROVAL. BUREAU DIRECTOR PROPOSED THIS, US AMB NOTED WHILE

AGREEING WITH PROPOSAL, US DID NOT FEEL FINAL APPROVAL SHOULD BE GIVEN UNTIL TWO YEARS' FUNDING RESOURCES IDENTIFIED. BUREAU DIRECTORS STATEMENT THAT DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING FORWARD RESOURCES AT THIS STAGE NOT UNUSUAL AND SHOULD NOT BAR APPROVAL WAS ANSWERED BY US AMBASSADOR INDICATING HIS REMARKS INTENDED MAKE CLEAR FINAL ACTION IN WELLINGTON MIGHT POSSIBLY BE DEFERRED FOR REASON GIVEN.

B. ITEM VIII, POPULATION PROGRAM. BUREAU DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION ITEM BE REFERRED TO CONSULATIVE GROUP IN WELLINGTON DID NOT SERVE INTENDED PURPOSE OF HEADING OFF EXTENDED DISCUSSION. ISSUES RAISED WERE:

(1) POSSIBLE DUPLICATION FUNCTIONS VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY UNFPA WITH \$34 MILLION NEXT FIVE YEARS IN SEVEN ASIAN COUNTRIES -- BURMA, JAPAN, MALAYSIA.

(2) PRECEDENT OF SINGLE COUNTRY FUNDING CREATING A BUREAU FUNCTION RATHER THAN BY COUNCIL DECISION AND REVIEW -- JAPAN.

(3) DEPARTURE FROM TRADITIONAL FUNCTIONS OF BUREAU -- JAPAN. US AMBASSADOR COMMENDED BUREAU FOR SUMMARY OF SITUATION AND PROPOSALS FOR CONTINUING WORK IN THIS KEY DEVELOPMENT AREA. CITED NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY RATHER THAN ADHERENCE TO TRADITIONAL FUNCTIONS IN DEALING WITH EMERGING AREAS OF CONCERN. SUPPORTED RECOMMENDATION FOR SUBMITTING PROBLEM TO CONSULTATIVE GROUP.

CONSENSUS FOUND IN FAVOR REFERRING ITEM WITH COLLATION OF COMMENTS BY COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSULATIVE GROUP FOR DECISION.

AFTER MEETING COUNCIL PRESIDENT SUGGESTED PRIVATELY TO UNDP RESIDENT REP (OBSERVER) THAT UNFPA ASSIGN QUALIFIED POPULATION ADVISOR AS HEAD OF BUREAU POPULATION OFFICE. UNDP RESIDENT REP SAID HE WOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY WHICH US AMBASSADOR ENDORSED.

C. ITEM IX, ROTATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENCY. THE COUNCIL UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENT REPORTED CONSULATIONS WITH DONORS PRIOR TO MEETING HAD INDICATED NONE INTERESTED IN OCCUPYING POSITION. REMAINING CONCERN PREVIOUSLY INDICATED BY PHILIPPINE DELEGATE OVER MEMBERS WITHOUT REPRESENTATIVES IN SRI LANKA IN PROCESS OF BEING EXPLORED. ACCORDINGLY HE RECOMMENDED POSTPONEMENT FURTHER DISCUSSION UNTIL REPLIES RECEIVED.

PHILIPPINE DELEGATE REMINDED COUNCIL THAT HIS PRINCIPAL

CONCERN HAD INDEED BEEN TO ASSURE UNREPRESENTED MEMBERS OPPORTUNITY SHARE IN ROTATION OF POSITION IF SO DESIRED. HE CONCURRED IN PRESENT ACTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOLICITING THEIR VIEWS AS CONSISTENT WITH HIS CONCERN. THUS NO DIFFICULTY CONCURRING WITH REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT.

2. MISCELLANEOUS

A. IN REFERENCE PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER'S REPORT, BUREAU DIR ASKED MEMBERS CONSIDER POSSIBILITY SECONDING APPROPRIATE INFORMATION OFFICERS FOR ONE OR TWO MONTHS TDY TO LEARN BUREAU OPERATIONS AND SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDE MORE USEFUL ITEMS FOR BUREAU INFORMATION OFFICE.

B. AUSTRALIAN DELEGATE REFERRED TO PENDING CONSIDERATION PAPUA NEW GUINEA APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP. RE CONCERN PAPUA NOT INDEPENDENT, HE INDICATED PLANS TO GIVE INCREASING SELF-GOVERNMENT UP TO 1975 SCHEDULED INDEPENDENCE. ADDITIONALLY, CITED PRECEDENT FOR ELECTION IN CASES FRENCH INDO-CHINESE STATES.

C. FINAL ITEM WAS APPEAL BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR PAYMENT ALREADY OVERDUE ASSESSMENTS.  
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